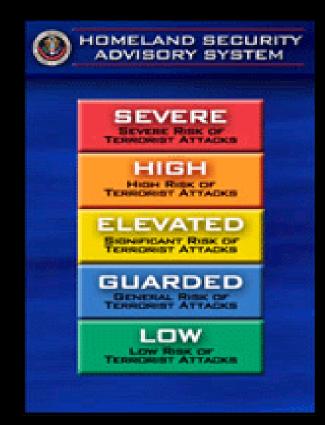


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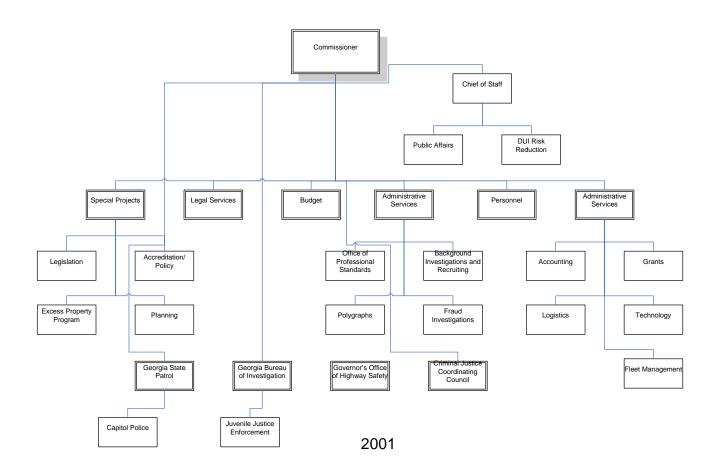
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## **DPS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



## **GEORGIA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Governor Roy Barnes formed Georgia's Homeland Security Task Force on October 25, 2001, creating a centralized government action body for all matters related to the defense of Georgia against terrorism. Governor Barnes appointed DPS Commissioner Robert Hightower as Coordinator

of the newly created Georgia Office of Homeland Security.

As Homeland Security Coordinator, HSC Hightower oversees a taskforce of agencies responsible for meeting statewide security needs in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks.

The new Georgia HSC post in many ways mirrors the federal government office created by President Bush.

The Georgia Homeland Security Task Force is made up of seven state agencies: Georgia Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol; Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia Emergency Management Agency; Georgia Department of Human Resources, Public Health Division; Georgia



Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division; Georgia Department of Defense; Georgia Department of Transportation; and three associations: Georgia Sheriffs'Association; Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs. The Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Georgia State Patrol, is represented by Commissioner Hightower.

## **DIVISION REPORTS**

### Legal Services Office

The Department of Public Safety Legal Services Office consists of two attorneys, one paralegal, and one secretary. The Director of Legal Services reports directly to the Commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance to the Commissioner and his Command/Executive staff concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the Department.

The Legal Services Office interacts with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Association of Chiefs of Police, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in public safety related matters.

The Legal Services Office works closely with Investigative Services to ensure that investigations are complete and objective and, when necessary, properly form the basis for discipline. The Legal Services Office works closely with the Public Information Office and field staff in processing open records requests, subpoenas and other document requests. The attorneys also regularly provide training to the Department's employees on such topics as unlawful harassment, open records, and search and seizure.

The Legal Services Office reviews and files Safety Responsibility claims to suspend the driver's license of those individuals who are responsible for damages to Georgia State Patrol vehicles. These damages arose from motor vehicle accidents involving uninsured motorists or individuals driving stolen vehicles.

The Legal Services Office acts as the liaison with the Department of Law in civil litigation matters. They ensure proper requests are made to secure the needed representation for the Department's employees and they provide litigation support to the Department of Law when necessary.

The Legal Services Office drafts or reviews all proposed legislation that may impact the Department and closely monitors and gathers information on bills impacting public safety.

On a daily basis, the Legal Services staff works in conjunction with the Personnel Services staff to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal labor and employment laws. Legal Services also provides technical assistance to Personnel in responding to inquiries made by the EEOC and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

In calendar year 2001, the Legal Services staff performed among other things the following activities:

Reviewed, advised or drafted 31 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the Department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.

Reviewed 32 adverse actions and assisted in the administration of the disciplinary decision.

Opened and processed 30 cases and closed 7.

In addition, 32 Safety Responsibility Claims were filed against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles which totaled \$99,347.32.

### Public Information Office

The GSP Office of Public Information & Public Affairs serves as liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. The Headquarters Public Information Office Staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 48 Posts across the state. During 2001, the Public Information Office originated 35 news releases and media advisories for the Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol and the Homeland Security Task Force.

### **OPEN RECORDS**

The Public Information Office oversees public access to Department Open Records for state prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies, and news media. PIO provides filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP field operations.

During 2001, PIO coordinated 181 Open Record inquiries, and 167 evidence photo and video requests for the Department. The annual number of Media calls handled by GSP PIO normally range in the hundreds, but approximately doubled into four figures in 2001, as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

### **GRAPHICS UNIT**

The PIO Graphics Unit provides photographic services, and development and duplication of department evidence photos, videos and audiotapes.

The PIO Graphics Unit provided special projects support to the newly created GSP Recruitment Unit in 2001. PIO Graphics created design-concept, photography, and layout and printing coordination for recruiting brochures, posters and pop-up displays to help promote the mission and image of the Georgia State Patrol.

Following a field camera equipment survey conducted by the PIO Graphics Unit in 2000, the DPS Commissioner approved a Department-wide switch to a more cost-effective photo system in 2001. GSP phased-out a Polaroid instant-print field photo system and replaced it with Kodak 35mm singleuse cameras for documenting traffic crash, crime and incident scenes. GSP PIO continued to work with DPS Excess Property to obtain money-saving federal contracts for photo processing supplies. The new system provides .35mm negatives that can produce high quality photos and enlargements for the courts. The solution allows Troopers to record critical evidence in traffic crash investigations, aiding in the successful prosecution of violators.

The Graphics Unit also began research to help prepare PIO for the anticipated increase in digital evidence photos. PIO made plans to purchase for the following year, high-resolution digital camera equipment for brochure and web page development and new graphic printers for better in-house publications.

In June 2001, PIO Public Relations and Information Specialist Allison Hodge received the DPS Commissioner's Commendation in recognition of innovations that provided annual taxpayer savings of thousands of dollars after the adoption of GSP 35mm field camera system.

### PUBLICATIONS UNIT

PIO Publications is responsible for production of the quarterly GSP Trooper Newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, and content for the Georgia State Patrol website.

In 2001, PIO Publications provided special project support to the Georgia Homeland Security Task Force, the GSP Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP), and the Department's efforts to obtain national accreditation from (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

### DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The PIO Director is official spokesman for the Department of Public Safety and Georgia State Patrol, providing guidance to the Commissioner, the Colonel and Command Staff on matters of law enforcement media coverage, and development and placement of highway safety public image campaigns.

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the PIO Director now serves as official spokesman for the Homeland Security Task Force, by assignment from the DPS Commissioner. As Homeland Security Spokesman, the PIO Director answers local and national media inquiries, delivers Homeland Security speeches to civic organizations, writes news releases and advisories, arranges interviews and news conferences, and helps write and edit the Annual Report to the Governor on Georgia Homeland Security.

### **VIDEO PROJECTS**

In 2001, the Georgia State Patrol's newly released departmental recruiting video, "Standards of Excellence" was being distributed at job fairs and college campuses, to news media and civic groups, and to every Trooper and Patrol Post in the state. In 2001, judges for the Southern Regional Emmy Awards nominated "Standards of Excellence" for recognition in two categories: Best Collaborative Photography and Best Non-News Feature.

Later in 2001, DPS obtained funding grants from the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Children and Youth Coordinating Council to develop an updated version of GSP's Alcohol and Drug Awareness Film.

### DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The PIO Deputy Director manages the daily operations in the Public Information Office, maintains the GSP retiree notification system, and compiles data for statewide seatbelt and child restraint enforcement programs sponsored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Additionally, the Deputy Director represents the Department of Public Safety on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, is a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the Department Awards Program and responds to media inquiries after business hours and on weekends. The Deputy Director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods each year, quarterly enforcement campaigns and special events, as well as seasonal public service announcements for use by field personnel. He also provides media relations instruction to trooper cadet during GSP Trooper School

The Department of Public Safety implemented a system to notify retirees of current events in the Department through a PhoneTree calling system. At the same time, e-mail notification was implemented. Retirees are notified of funeral announcements for active and retired members, illnesses, retiree meetings, and upcoming Department events.

The Deputy Director also coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff of significant incidents, crashes, or other major events affecting DPS operations utilizing the group paging system.

#### **MEDIA RELATIONS**

The PIO Director and Deputy Director are on-call to respond to requests for television, radio and newspaper interviews whenever GSP Command Staff or uniformed Troopers are unavailable. The Headquarters PIO Staff plans and produces Department news conferences, media advisories and news releases.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

During 2001, the GSP Office of Public Information assisted federal, state, and local agencies with special campaigns, programs and operations.

PIO provided support for the DPS Commissioner's Strategic Planning Committee, coordinated media advance work for the USMC's statewide Operation TRUEX military exercises, and contributed staff to the Public Service Ad work for the Governor's Felons and Firearms Project and Georgia Gun Crime Initiative.

### **Personnel Office**

The Personnel Office is responsible for all employee related activity for the Department of Public Safety and its attached agencies. Announcements for all vacancies are made by personnel and all applicant and employee interviewing is completed and/or reviewed by this office.

This office also administers the promotion system, the leave programs, Flexible Benefits, health benefits, the random drug screening program and the Departmental Grievance Procedure.

### **Special Projects Division**

The Special Projects Division was created in August 1999. This Division includes the Accreditation and Excess Property, the Legislative Liaison Unit and Strategic Planning.

### ACCREDITATION

Four new employees were hired in 2001 to complete the task of pursuing the national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and state certification from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, for the Georgia State Patrol.

Major accomplishments for the year 2001 are:

- Completion of the SWAT, SCRT, Aviation, and Evidence Custodian standard operating procedures manuals.
- · Completion of several research initiatives for the DPS and GSP Command Staffs.
- Recommendation and approval for the Employee First Alert program to be utilized by Special Investigations and the Personnel Divisions.
- · Commencement of file building for the (CALEA) Accreditation process.
- Development of new reporting forms.
- Ongoing effort on Policy Manual is nearing completion.

A CALEA mock review is scheduled for the fall of 2002 and will be conducted by the Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition, Incorporated (GPAC). This review will assist GSP toward its goal of national accreditation.

### **EXCESS PROPERTY**

The Excess Property Program administers two federal law enforcement support programs for the entire state of Georgia, the 1033 Program and the 1122 Procurement Program.

The 1003 Program obtains used/new Department of Defense equipment for state and local law enforcement agencies at no cost to the agency. The 1033 Program has distributed more than 100 million dollars worth of equipment to Georgia 's law enforcement agencies, during the course of its ten-year history. During 2001 more than 5 million dollars worth of equipment was given to 205 state and local law enforcement agencies in support of law enforcement activities.

The 1122 Procurement Program allows these same agencies to purchase equipment for law enforcement through federal procurement channels at the Federal contract price. Since the 1122 Procurement Program was initiated in October 1997, state and local law enforcement agencies have purchased \$2,648,809.29 in new equipment. This represents savings of approximately forty percent (40%) for those agencies.

During 2001 there was \$1,347,216.18 in purchases made by 450 state and local law enforcement agencies.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mandated by law, strategic plans for the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia State Patrol and the Office of Highway Safety were developed and completed by Cedar Consulting in coordination with command staff from each respective agency.

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

In 2001, the federally initiated Homeland Security Defense Program became a high priority and prompted many additional hours of intensive work. Special Projects staffs the weekly Homeland Security meetings and other various projects related to Homeland Security.

### **Special Investigation Division**

The Special Investigations Division is comprised of the Internal Affairs Unit, the Background Investigation Unit, the Polygraph Unit, Radar Regulations Unit and Firearms Permits Unit, and the Recruiting Unit.

The year 2001 was significant for the Special Investigations Division for several reasons. With the establishment of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, license fraud investigations are no longer the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety. However, DPS investigators were, and remain, tasked with training investigators for the DMVS. There are currently three (3) DPS investigators temporarily assigned to the DMVS. In addition to training DMVS fraud investigators, DPS polygraph operators are in the process of training a person in this operation for DMVS. We continue to assist DMVS with conducting polygraphs for pre-employment and internal investigations, in addition to our regular workload. DPS background investigators continue to assist in conducting background investigations for the DMVS, as well as the regular background investigation workload required for DPS.

The **Internal Affairs Unit** investigates allegations of misconduct made against Departmental members, as well as the misuse of radar speed-timing devices against any agency bearing the Department's certification. During the year of 2001, the Department of Public Safety logged 109 investigative cases. Of this number 46 were Administrative Investigations, which were conducted on the Troop level; 53 were Internal Affairs investigations, and 10 were radar/speed timing device investigations. The Internal Affairs Unit is comprised of 1 Director, 1 Lieutenant/Assistant Director, 4 Investigators and 1 Secretary/Office Manager.

The **Background Investigation Unit** is responsible for conducting background investigations for candidates seeking employment with the Department of Public Safety. During 2001, the Background Unit processed 1097 background investigations. Of these, 970 were DPS applicants including 456 Trooper applicants, 71 civilian applicants and 92 Georgia Building Authority applicants (both sworn and non sworn) seeking transfers to the GSP Executive Security Division. Requests for assistance were received from DMVS, Georgia Polygraph Association and various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies accounting for the other 127 completed cases. The Background Unit is comprised of one Sergeant First Class/Supervisor, seven Investigators.

The **Polygraph Unit** works closely with the Background Unit, also providing services to the Internal Affairs Unit. This unit administered 813 polygraph examinations for the year 2001. This record number of examinations elevates the program to Federal Standard Compliance through Quality Control. Of this record number, 798 polygraph examinations were related to Pre-employment issues with the remainder being Specific Issue polygraphs and/or Internal Affairs investigations. All polygraph examinations completed during the year were in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures of the Unit, which were revised during the year by polygraph personnel under Administrative and Accreditation Office guidance. Another accomplishment for this unit was a program of field examination. It was originated to facilitate prospective employees by eliminating the necessity for applicants to travel to Atlanta. This program proved successful with numerous positive comments and a decrease in applicants not showing up for exams. A communications setup was designed and implemented to allow electronic transfer of Polygraph Data from field posts to the Polygraph Unit in headquarters for Quality Control and punctual result reporting. Other accomplishments included felony investigations including trial preparation, providing specialized instruction and supplying expert witness testimony. The unit has two polygraph examiners/investigators and one secretary.

The **Permits Unit** governs the statewide issuance of all emergency light certifications, tinted window exemptions, wholesale/retail firearms license (required for businesses wishing to sell handguns under 15 inches in length), and the issuance of speed detection device permits. From October 16, 2001 to the end of the year, 270 radar permits were issued and 35 firearms permits, with a total of \$891 in fees collected.

The **Recruiting Unit** focused its efforts mainly on military bases, colleges and universities, community colleges, high schools, media campaigns and any known job fairs within the last year, with a great deal of success.

TROOP A Post 3 - Cartersville Post 5 - Dalton Post 28 - Canton Post 29 - Cedartown Post 38 - Rome Post 41 - LaFayette Post 43 - Calhoun

Covering Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Gordon, Chattooga, Floyd, Pickens, Cherokee, Bartow, Paulding, Polk and Haralson counties.

TROOP B Post 6 - Gainesville Post 7 - Toccoa Post 27 - Blue Ridge Post 32 - Athens Post 37 - Cumming

Covering Fannin, Gilmer, Union, Towns, Lumpkin, Dawson, Forsyth, White, Hall, Banks, Jackson, Rabun, Habersham, Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Madison, Clarke, Oconee and Barrow counties.

### TROOP C Post 9 - Kennesaw Post 47 -Forest Park Post 48 - Atlanta

Covering Cobb, Fulton, Gwinnett, DeKalb and Clayton

## **Georgia State Patrol**

The Georgia State Patrol consists of 48 posts strategically located throughout the state. These posts are responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating crashes, providing security detail as well as patrolling major events.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Georgia State Patrol is to enhance the quality of life by reducing crime, providing a safe environment, promoting diversity and building trust. We readily accept our responsibility to be role models and commit ourselves to the uncompromising pursuit of excellence by practicing our core beliefs which are ...

### TRUST, FORTITUDE, COMPASSION, PROFESSIONALISM

### WE ARE TRUSTWORTHY.

- After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Post 48 troopers spent over 2,000 hours guarding the Centers for Disease Control (Gwinnett and DeKalb counties), assisted with security for the Maccabi Games involving over 2,000 Jewish competitors and 400 coaches from various states and countries and assisted the Georgia National Guard in manning the entrance gate to GSP Headquarters. Post 48 was also involved in special security detail for President Bush's three visits to Atlanta.
- Post 40 troopers assisted with security and transportation of Mrs. Janet Huckabee, First Lady of Arkansas, during her visit to Albany to participate in former President Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity Weekend. Post 40 also provided security for the Marine Corps Band during their performance at Albany State University and Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to the Southern Heritage Plantation.
- With the opening of the Georgia Trade Center in Savannah, GA, Post 42 expended many man hours in security detail of this very popular facility.
- Troopers provided traffic regulation and crowd control for the following events:
  - Atlanta Motor Speedway Hampton
  - Fram National Drag Race Banks County
  - The Players Ball Statesboro, GA
  - Cemetery Days Mt. Vernon, GA

TROOP D Post 1 - Griffin Post 2 - LaGrange Post 4 - Villa Rica Post 24 - Newnan Post 26 - Thomaston Post 34 - Manchester Post 44 - Forsyth

Covering Heard, Coweta, Fayette, Henry, Carroll, Douglas, Spalding, Butts, Troup, Harris, Meriwether, Talbot, Mucsocgee, Pike, Upson, Crawford, Taylor, Lamar, Monroe and Butts counties.

TROOP E Post 8 - Madison Post 17 - Washington Post 25 - Thomson Post 33 - Milledgeville Post 46 - Conyers

Covering Rockdale, Walton, Newton, Morgan, Jasper, Putnam, Greene, Jones, Baldwin, Hancock Washington, Elbert, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Taliaferro, Lincoln, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia, Glascock and Richmond counties.

TROOP F Post 16 - Helena Post 18 - Reidsville Post 19 - Swainsboro Post 20 - Dublin Post 21 - Sylvania Post 45 - Statesboro

Covering Burke, Jenkins, Screven, Jefferson, Johnson, Emanuel, Treutlen, Wilkinson, Twiggs, Bleckley, Laurens, Dodge, Telfair, Wheeler, Montgomery, Jeff Davis, Toombs, Tattnall, Appling, Candler, Bulloch and Evans counties.

- Possum Hollow County Fair Dexter, GA
- The Southern Legislative Conference Savannah, GA
- Georgia National Fair Perry, GA
- Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition Moultrie, GA
- Annual Watermelon Parade Cordele, GA
- Christmas Parades
- Georgia National Fair
- Beach Music Festival Jekyll Island
- Gay Men's Health Summit Jekyll Island
- Marine Corps. Ball Jekyll Island
- Country-By-the-Sea Jekyll Island
- Blue Grass Festival Jekyll Island

### WE SHOW FORTITUDE.

- Post 43 personnel made seizures of drugs in the approximate amounts of 1,920 grams of methamphetamines, 1,490 grams of cocaine, numerous schedule IV narcotics and 30 pounds of marijuana. All seizures came after the vehicles were stopped for minor traffic offenses and larger became felony arrests upon further investigation. Monies in the amount of \$14,350.00 were also seized.
- A Trooper from Post 48 made a traffic stop on a silver convertible Mustang because the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. A passenger in the back seat rose up and fired several shots as the Trooper approached the vehicle striking the patrol car and nearly hitting the Trooper. The subjects fled the scene. Later, a trooper apprehended all suspects. It was later discovered that the subjects had just committed an armed robbery nearby. It was also discovered that the suspects had committed murder in the state of Texas just days before the incident.
- Fatalities in the three county areas of Post 21 decreased by 60 percent which is attributable in part to a 12% increase in DUI enforcement.
- Post 23 received national media coverage during the investigation of a single vehicle traffic accident in Camden County involving a tour bus loaded with North Carolina high school band members.

### WE SHOW COMPASSION.

• Troopers from Troop H provided assistance to the military and local agencies in Dooly County in March in the recovery and removal of some 23 mlitary personnel killed in a jet fighter plane crash in Unadilla, GA.

TROOP G Post 10 - Americus Post 12 - Thomasville Post 14 - Donalsonville Post 39 - Cuthbert Post 40 - Albany

Covering Chattahoochee, Stewart, Quitman, Randolph, Clay, Calhoun, Marion, Schley, Webster, Sumter, Terrell, Lee, Dougherty, Worth, Baker, Mitchell, Colquitee, Grady, Thomas, Early, Miller, Seminole and Decatur counties.

> TROOP H Post 13 - Tifton Post 15 - Perry Post 30 -Cordele Post 31 - Valdosta Post 36 - Douglas

Covering Macon, Peach, Houston, Pulaski, Dooly, Crisp, Wilcox, Turner, Ben Hill, Irwin, Coffee, Atkinson, Tift, Berrien, Cook, Brooks, Lowndes, Lanier and Echols counties.

### TROOP I Post 11 - Hinesville Post 22 - Waycross Post 23 - Brunswick Post 35 - Jekyll Island Post 42 - Rincon

Covering Effingham, Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Wayne, Glynn, Camden, Bacon, Pierce, Brantley, Charlton, Ware and Clinch counties.

- Post 21 personnel supported the "Reading is Fundamental" program through the local library and read to hundreds of children in the community.
- Troopers participated in "Operation Zero Tolerance" sobriety checkpoints to target DUI offenders and "Click It or Ticket" waves to target and educate the motoring public about seat belt safety.
- Tragedy struck as Clay County Sheriff Roger Shivers was wounded after answering a domestic call. Post 39 Troopers assisting in securing the scene. The gunman later committed suicide. Post 39 Troopers assisted Clay County's only fulltime deputy with the duties of the Sheriff's Department for six months while Sheriff Shivers recovered from the incident.
- Post 42 continues to handle relays of blood and eye tissues numbering over 200 relays for the year.

### WE ARE PROFESSIONALS.

- Post 5 developed a partnership with the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network (MATEN II) and have received additional training that has led to traffic enforcement efforts tailored to address specific problems in the area.
- In August, approximately 150 current, retired and former personnel attended an open-house and post reunion held at the newly renovated Post 34.
- Post 31 moved into a new facility that also houses SCRT Team 5, drivers license, a strorage room, carport, an enclosed car wash and an inmate room. Post 31 also has a helicopter pad and a motorcycle testing range.
- In November, Post 36 moved into a new 9,000 square foot facility which also houses a license issuance office. The former post, built in the mid 1960's, was given back to the Coffee County Commission.
- In August, Post 42 finally moved into its new facility in Effingham County.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS Aviation

The Division has concentrated on its capabilities to provide critical aviation services to law enforcement agencies and the citizens of Georgia. In the past year, the Division's complement of aircraft, equipment and highly trained personnel has participated in the Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression, conducted aerial searches and surveillance, supported fire fighting missions, law enforcement photography and traffic control, and transported essential personnel for state business.

The Aviation Division has continued to expand nighttime capabilities for search and rescue operations with



the Thermal Imaging Device and the use of Night Vision Goggles (NVG). Presently, nine pilots are NVG qualified and we have eight Thermal Imaging Device operators. These essential personnel brought an increase of expertise making a direct impact on response time which resulted in the rescue of lost children and Alzheimer's patients, and the capture of escaped prisoners.

As flight time is accrued, Aviation expertise is gained. During the year 2001, Division pilots logged 3,467 flight hours with the support of federal, state and local agencies. In April, annual training was conducted by the Bell Helicopter Academy at Jekyll Island. In an effort to improve skills, professional knowledge and networking with other law enforcement aviation organizations, several members of the Division attended professional seminars and expositions across the country.

This year the Aviation Division adopted procedures to support the unique mission requirements of the GSP SWAT team. The UH-1H Huey enabled SWAT to conduct specialized training in rappelling and fast-rope operations from a helicopter. The Huey, has also enabled SWAT to respond in a timely fashion with the required personnel and equipment to anywhere in the state.

New equipment has been added this year to enhance the Division's capabilities. We now have five helicopters equipped with Thermal Imaging Device, data link equipment, and search lights. The Huey has been outfitted with a fast -rope system. One of our Jet Rangers (N13OCC) has received a completely new avionics package.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS SCRT - Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team



In 2001, SCRT conducted 172 investigations into 192 traffic homicides. SCRT also assisted the field troopers and allied agencies in 168 additional cases. These assists include non-prosecutable fatal collisions, serious injury collisions, fatal or serious collisions investigated by other agencies, complex collisions requiring in-depth speed analysis, Departmental vehicle collisions, officer-involved shootings and radar complaints where the grade of the road or sight distances are called into question.

SCRT was featured in a crash investigation training video produced by *In the Line of Duty* to be used within the United States law enforcement community. The video was released nationwide in January 2002.

For the first time, SCRT assisted in crash investigation

training for new recruits during the 78th Trooper School. SCRT has also worked throughout 2001 with Computer Services to develop a new crash report for distribution in 2002. This report uses advanced software to eliminate common reporting errors.

SCRT continued to expand and train in the area of Crash Data Retrieval Systems. This technology gives investigators the capability of downloading information from black boxes similar to those used in aircraft. SCRT received a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety that will equip each team with these devices along with laptop computers.

Team 1 - Cartersville leads the state in cases requiring fiber, hair and DNA analysis to successfully prosecute drivers who deny involvement in fatal collisions. This team plans to move into a new facility in Calhoun in the summer of 2002.

Team 2 - Athens' numbers are consistent with the previous year. This team investigated a fatal collision in September where an off duty DeKalb County officer had phoned in a drunk driver. When the marked car arrived and attempted the stop, the drunk driver fled into Rockdale County striking an on-coming vehicle head-on killing a family.

Team 3 - Forsyth stays busy in the "heart" of Georgia. Team 3 investigated a two-fatality collision this year on I-20 with 15 vehicles, including three tractor and trailers.

Team 4 - Reidsville assisted a Federal DOT investigation of a charter bus carrying a North Carolina High School band to an event in Florida. The bus overturned on I-95 injuring 46 students. SCRT's investigation led to the successful prosecution of the charter bus company.

## TROOP J - SAFETY EDUCATION, IMPLIED CONSENT AND SCHOOL BUS SAFETY UNIT

### SAFETY EDUCATION UNIT

The Safety Education Unit is composed of 14 members. The unit is responsible for the statewide coordination of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP), providing materials to all public and private schools, as well as certifying and monitoring "contract" instructors. The unit provides safety programs to schools and civic, private, and corporate groups.

The unit also supported many other activities during the year: Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Boys and Girls State in Statesboro (both as counselors), Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, Red Ribbon Week, Drunk/Drugged Driver Awareness Month, Statewide Truck Driving Championship, the Statewide Transit Bus Driving Championship, Flag Run Across America, the Navy's River to River Run, and assisted the Governor's Office of Highway Safety with Caravan 2001. Two unit members are certified Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructors and assist in training other officers throughout the state as well as provide the D.A.R.E. program to many of Georgia's youth. Other unit members are certified child safety seat technicians, certified by the Federal Highway Administration and the University of Georgia Occupant Protection Office.

In 2001, the unit presented 2,261 safety programs and expended 4,697 hours doing so. Unit personnel spent 2,760 hours carrying out ADAP duties, and made 3,326 public relations contacts. 2,347 public service announcements (PSAs) were recorded by unit personnel for broadcast on TV/ Radio stations.

### **IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT**

At the end of 2001, the Implied Consent Unit was composed of twelve members, three less than at the beginning of the year. The Unit is tasked with the maintenance, guarterly inspection and standardization of 456 Intoxilyzer® 5000 instruments based in facilities throughout the State. This duty requires members to maintain evidentiary certificates and documents, and to provide expert testimony for 610 agencies. This Unit is also responsible for training operators of the Intoxilyzer® 5000, beginning with a 16-hour Basic Class taught at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. In the two day basic class, Unit members teach theory of breath testing as it relates to the theoretical aspect of alcohol equilibrium between blood and breath as well as theory of non-dispersive molecular infrared absorption for alcohol detection which is used by the Intoxilyzer® 5000. In order for the operators' permit to remain current, operators must attend a four-hour refresher class every four years. The Refresher Classes are held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the regional police academies, and other locations throughout the state. This training is provided to federal, state, and local law enforcement employees at no cost to those agencies. While performing instructional duties, members teach anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and traffic law as it relates to the Implied Consent, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Administrative License Suspension (ALS) laws. In 2001, members expended a total of 833 hours instructing students. 1,301 new Intoxilyzer® 5000 operators were permitted after attending the 16-hour basic class. 46 refresher classes were conducted throughout the state with 1,653 permitted operators attending from all levels of law enforcement. All activity related to the installation and maintenance of the

Intoxilyzer® 5000 instruments and the training of its operators is governed by a protocol established by the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Members spent 554 hours testifying in court and 6,906 hours standardizing instruments and preparing evidentiary documents. Members also performed 2,786 repairs to instruments, which required 4,885 hours. All repairs performed by Unit members were provided at no cost to the local agencies.

In the area of enforcement, members of the Implied Consent Unit issued 1,390 citations and 1,751 warnings during 2,777 patrols while traveling 251,480 miles. Included in this enforcement; 372 seat belt citations and 14 child restraint citations. The members of the Unit investigated 21 motor vehicle accidents and assisted 1,014 motorists. Members also apprehended four criminals during 2001.

During the year, Implied Consent personnel assisted with two race details at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, the American Airlines Flag Run Across America, the Annual School Bus Rodeo, the Cotton Pickin' Fair, the Possum Hollow Country Fair, the Metro Transit Bus Rodeo, the Player's Ball detail, and has provided personnel for gate security at the Georgia State Patrol Headquarters on numerous occasions.

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The School Bus Safety Unit is currently comprised of eight members, charged with responsibilities relating to the safe operation and inspection of over 15,500 school buses throughout the state. The unit also regulates and monitors the 137 testing sites and 185 examiners who participate in the Commercial Drivers License Third Party Testing Program. Additionally, the unit inspects and monitors over 102 Commercial Driver Training Schools, 95 driver education programs in the public and private school systems and 164 Driver Improvement & Defensive Driving Clinics.

House Bill 1441, signed by Governor Barnes on April 28, 2000 created the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS). DMVS now assumes all functions currently performed by members of the School Bus Safety Unit.

In addition to their regular duties, members still found time to assist field troops with special functions such as Annual School Bus Inspections and Players Ball in Statesboro. They also participated in many extra duty functions such as the Georgia Truck Driving Championship Competitions, State School Bus Drivers Road-e-o, Partnership For Excellence in Education Bus Tour, US Navy River to River Run Across Georgia and the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia. The unit has also provided personnel for gate security at H.Q.

In the area *of* enforcement, the unit made 2,538 arrests and issued 3,248 warnings. This activity was accomplished during 1,733 patrols covering 177,825 miles. Included in these totals were 578 seat belt arrests. Members of the unit also assisted with DPS Headquarters security after the terrorist attacks *of* September 11th.



## House Bill 1441 Creation of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS)

On July 1, 2001, House Bill 1441 was passed by the legislature creating the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS). The Department's responsibilities of enforcing and administering state laws and regulations relating to driver's licenses, motor vehicle licensing and registration, and size and the weights of motor vehicles, trailers, and loads were transferred from the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Revenue, and the Department of Transportation, respectively. All rules and regulations previously adopted by those agencies also transferred to DMVS and shall remain of full force and effect as rules and regulations of DMVS until amended, repealed, or superseded by rules or regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle Safety.

2001					NFORCEMEN	T			CR	ASHES
DPS-521 COUNTY	ALL	GA RES.	ARF INTER.	RESTS DUI	SPEEDING	ALL	WARNII GA RES.	NGS CRASHES		NUMBER FATALITIES
Appling	1226	1070	0	38 50	615	1629 1343	1504	76	82	
Atkinson	1401	1185	0	50	754	1343	1160	72	56	9 5
Bacon Baker	541 1086	505 956	0 0	21 30	168 820	336 1290	321 1139	44 27	49 33	4
Baldwin	2588	2524	Ö	65	1267	2130	2079	108	85	4 2 2 6
Banks	1022	899	226	16	519	1018	934	72	85 92	6
Barrow	889	842 7082	95 1440	28	455	900	871	67	66 1050	8 16
Bartow Ben Hill	7648 763	7062	0	246 26	3195 230	7976 840	7586 804	2124 64	79	1
Berrien	1750	724 1636	0	26 73	230 789	840 1949	1788	106	79 93	4
Bibb	2250	1796	1437	54 12	1583	854	709	26	4	1
Bleckley Brantley	724 1605	691 1424	143 0	103	445 742	610 1326	595 1180	34 58	35	0 10
Brooks	1851	1487	Ō	33	1079	1326 1625	1361	58 158	80 93	10 7
Bryan	1480	1101	732	57	879	971	754	53	51	5 7
Bulloch Burke	5612 1707	4928 1554	1392 0	170	3343 807	6592 2448	5940 2234	751 110	549 161	7
Butts	1346	1188	952	55 16	725	975	892	226	201	9
Calhoun	311	244	0	4	163	494	412	7	9	0
Camden Candler	2979	1138 1866	1996 1436	82 69	2142 1492	1568 1662	744	182 134	25Ž 126	10
Carroll	2184 4463	4108	633	131	1380	5714	1445 5190	1439	682	3 20
Catoosa	4415	2589	2110	152	1294	6588	4059	1022	593	5 0
Catoosa	181 568	133 383	19	5	84 278	177 400	140 306	0 13	0 15	0
Charlton Chatham	3136	2056	0 1875	130	1648	2046	306 1462	81	69	3 0 2 4
Chattahooch	hee398	314	0	13 85	166	469	360	25 429	29 267	2
Chattooga	2056	1884	0 3217	85	769 3019	3451	3175	429	267 182	4 11
Cherokee Clarke	4693 1894	4266 1825	0	81 77	107	6357 1576	5947 1550	238 107	84	1
Clay	260	197	0	13 22	147	377	297	21 55	25	0
Clayton	5435 795	4396 693	3914 640	22	2212 343	2607 321	2130 280	55	14	0 1
Clayton Clinch	353	283	040	4 3	140	182	154	19 19	15 23	1
Cobb	4122	3581	3167	24	2044	2562	2076	83 44	20	0
Cobb Coffee	1793 3893	1347 3609	980 0	14 243	464 1454	965 2522	683 3335	44 255	12 311	0 7
Colquitt	1317	1107	Ő	46	545	3523 1272	1113	355 132	205	5
Columbia	505	439	326	6 55	306	405	387	22	16	0
Cook	1374 5652	1065 5119	444 1208	55 176	372 2364	1448 4137	1292 3839	289 1609	239 1034	8 10
Coweta Crawford	410	384	1208	4	2304	404	380	16	1034	0
Crisp Dade	3022 2773	2320	950	82 70	1416	3602	3114	312 317	230	12 5
Dade Dawson	2773 1429	911 1408	1733 0	70 20	1623 338	3725 2089	1523 2065	317 126	164 151	5 9
Decatur	2138	1614	Ő	41	914	3125	2551	92	117	8
Dekalb	1981 4832	1694	1693 4022	9	1103	611 1775	525	22 78	13 28	
Dekalb	4832	4233		89 58 66	2366	1775	1540 1914	78	28 171	0 0 7 5 0
Dodge Dooly	1519 3139	1468 2093	0 1704	00 66	462 1971	1944 3376	2691	191 246	138	5
Dougherty	2604	2289 4732	0	67 175	1300 1476	3113 6134	2804	19 2830	1012	ŏ
Douğlas	5053	4732	1146	175	1476	6134	5698	2830	1012	14
Early Echols	656 562	485 394	0 0	13 20	354 282	988 405	809 303	31 31	20 26	14 2 0
Effingham	1637 865	1421	603	31	1013	1107	976	81	93 88	Ğ
Elbert	865	1421 822 2170	0	31 39 58 50	291 1287	1107 724 2020 1352 1537 225	704 1777	65	88	4
Emanuel Evans	2441 1231	2170 1138	367 0	58 50	1287 641	2020 1352	1 <i>777</i> 1274	176 67	190 53	9
Fannin	1231 1423	1247	0	71	641 333	1537	1345	215	219	3
Fayette	257 1520 1338	246	0	2	106 753	225	216 3306	14	11	6 4 9 2 3 0 0
Floyd Forsyth	1520	1409 1316	0 0	11 25	753 446	3477 1667	3306	74 99	36 79	0 5
roisytti	1000	1310	0	20	0++	1007	1020	33	19	5

2001	ENFORCEMENT							CRASHES		
DPS-521 COUNTY	ALL	GA RES.	ARI INTER.		SPEEDING	ALL	WARNII GA RES.	NGS CRASHES		
Franklin	618	473	173	17	227	673	573	108	142	13
Fulton	4612 2565	3868 2095	3728 2143	23 9	2913 1842	2845 1205	2510 1014	49 27	25 9	1
Fulton Fulton	4125	3302	3153	9 17	2413	2317	1849	69	32	0 0
Gilmer	1200	1116	0	33	483	1226	1126	11 <u>0</u>	32 133	9
Glascock Glynn	64 3930	62 2375	0 1481	4 99	44 2270	97 2680	97 1888	7 245	9 182	0 10
Glynn	1435	1082	339	19	869	1012	812	94	24	0
Górdon	4248	3333	1556	146	1989	5903	4758	614	450	11
Grady Greene	1282 706	1045 592	0 294	37 23	645 377	1382 474	1147 408	91 114	87 167	11 4
Gwinnett	929	793	515	3 39	535	515	262	34	16	0
Habershan Hall	n 1609 4291	1502 3991	0 999	39 75	492 1716	1918 3526	1790 3262	171 401	300 413	5
Hancock	1089	1034	999	75 31	692	651	626	33	413	26 7
Haralson	2203	1635	779	45	1286	2682	2319	216	192	
Harris Hart	1864 435	1296 407	741 5	30 13	1013 95	1546 270	1093 242	259 70	223 149	6
Heard	402	381	0	5	219	319	273	40	49	4 6 2 1
Henry Houston	315 5020	313 2873	32 3624	6 95	241 3661	236 4303	231 3212	72 221	25 122	1
Invin	718	671	0	93 27	368	4303 912	873	59	48	6 5
Jackson	1082	954	265	27 29	419	724	628	188	289	14
Jasper Jeff Davis	446 526	405 506	0 0	17 18	225 182	260 523	237 514	59 86	77 112	4
Jefferson	1009	874	0	32	582	758	678	32 38	38 63	5
Jenkins Johnson	1372 376	1239 347	0 0	34 10	679 225	1971 290	1797 273	38 22	63 23	4 6 5 3 1
Jones	981	945	2 347	10	646	290 646	624	6	0	Ó
Lamar	1583	1413	347	24	1120	860	826	130	133	0 2 4
Lanier Laurens	996 6097	854 5586	0 2265	17 175	561 3266	830 5464	740 5166	43 415	41 428	4 15
Lee	1323	1244	0	32	614	1877	1815	97	85	4
Liberty Lincoln	2854 225	1844 221	984 0	83 8	1400 45	1527 193	1114 189	339 15	294 15	4 1
Long	1374	1132	0	93	612	1290	1112	108	75	2
Lowndes	8473	6075	2234	195	4087	6543	5326	1171	713	2 21 7
Lumpkin Macon	721 1339	709 1251	0 0	15 51	275 689	1201 1408	1189 1321	51 102	50 83	3
Madison	2032	1999	0	100	818	2251	2221	175	242	3 4 3 4
Marion McDuffie	973 2900	870 2620	0 895	21 92	533 1548	868 2391	801 2280	84 292	75 212	3
McIntosh	1926	1086	1026	42	1175	1148	1140	159	120	10
Meriwethe Miller	r 1978 924	1884 717	9 0	53 12	910 568	1971	1894 1155	291	212	10 5 0
Mitchell	924 1449	1253	0	43	936	1350 1570	1414	46 133	66 170	7
Monroe	5591	3862	4427	42	4587	2322	1826	112	67	
Montgome Morgan	ery 496 3148	473 2584	0 1901	27 43	148 2327	611 1941	606 1605	39 246	68 260	2 2 8
Murray	2401	1975	0	64	1335	3385	2749	336	318	12
Muscogee	826	674	296 2330	2	491 2378	829	727	3	2 277	0
Newton Oconee	3928 2189	3364 2099	2330 0	2 86 20	2370 1315	2649 2071	0 1929	218 139	192	0 9 5 4 9 3 9 2 1 3 1
Oglethorpe	e 642	620	0	21	276	742	723	99	125	4
Paulding Peach	4586 3397	4479 2226	0 2025	126 83	1524 2314	5746 2536	5553 2145	1136 138	598 170	9
Pickens	2694	2467	0	82	1708	3636	3392	311	241	9
Pierce	1005	913	0	38 21	323	680	622	93	76	2
Pike Polk	741 2686	725 2466	0 0	112	434 1041	677 4486	657 4273	156 450	123 295	3
Pulaski	646	590	0	40	256	972	901	100	88	1
Putnam	280 659	350 412	0 0	6 33	196 318	224 931	206 606	17 17	42 15	1 2
Quitman	009	412	U	33	310	321	000	17	10	2

2001	ENFORCEMENT									CRASHES	
DPS-521		04.050	AF	RRESTS			WARNI			NUMBER	
COUNTY	ALL	GA RES.	INTER.	DUI	SPEEDI		GA RES.	CRASHES	INJURIES	FATALITIES	
Rabun	125	94	0	7	32	181	164	44	66	6	
Randolph	1700	1324	0	40	1137	2750	2171	52	31	1	
Richmond		1291	652	23	805 1171	889	698	9	6	1	
Rockdale	2219	1990	951	56 23		1778	0 820	69 25	46 16	4 0	
Schley Screven	912 1944	817 1671	0 0	23 84	529 875	877 3824	3493	141	127	0	
Seminole	1086	780	0	28	467	1794	1449	81	68	3 5 9 5 3 3 2 0 7	
Spalding	4415	4299	185	139	1946	3409	3390	879	623	ğ	
Stephens	987	927	0	45	117	1017	969	153	162	5	
Stewart	1910	1376	ŏ	39	1430	2417	1806	39	44	3	
Sumter	2339	2209	ŏ	79	697	2383	2299	212	194	3	
Talbot	2770	2235	ŏ	76	1652	3094	2741	151	129	ž	
Taliaferro	900	630	67 <b>9</b>	. ğ	697	395	329	29	22	ō	
Tattall	2577	2425	0 0	184	648	1946	1807	228	167	, Ž	
Taylor	2249	1841	Ō	28	1829	1586	1418	88	83	1	
Telfair	1694	1593	0	82	621	2022	1964	91	66	0	
Terrell	1537	1243	0	40	822	1267	1066	56	58	4	
Thomas	3215	2520	0	77	1704	4060	3455	249	171	7	
Tift	4542	3679	768	166	1628	5002	4335	648	418	17	
Toombs	1575	1436	0	99	433	1639	1538	97	89	8	
Towns	533	428	0	26	145	894	772	33	43	2 2 16	
Treutlen	_584	502	302	3	457	_490	452	25	20	2	
Troup	5782	3816	2783	143	3250	5263	2917	813	453	16	
Turner	1358	1005	343 620	47	704	1599	1354	190	154	11	
Twiggs	1598 599	1485 533		20 10	1128 260	1379 944	1309 873	56 47	56 64	10 9	
Union Upson	2455	2349	0 0	72	1063	2766	2684	397	251	9	
Walker	4438	3721	0	161	1393	6375	5293	877	607	7	
Walton	1286	1157	154	15	919	676	0	99	139	10	
Ware	1348	1224	0	48	469	1009	929	112	145	6	
Warren	1155	1031	511	32	816	1002	942	102	64	6 2 9 7	
Washingt	on 1577	1515	0	27	1184	738	711	51	101	9	
Wavne	887	750	ŏ	24	445	792	688	65	83	, 7	
Webster	866	650	Ō	12	633	548	466	21	23	0	
Wheeler	714	670	0	15	361	902	874	46	40	0 3	
White	449	423	0	17	171	467	444	41	60	4	
Whitfield	3284	2225	1683	71	1399	5158	3523	275	156	1	
Wilcox	1099	940	0	37	492	1515	1435	71	.51	3 2 4	
Wilkes	1051	984	0	32	471	941	906	129	100	2	
Wilkinson		398	0	18	233	394	382	23	32	4	
Worth	960	884	0	29	503	927	842	191	174	2	
Other	12807	10875	3588	367	6724	9504	8069	51	45	1	
City of	11651	9796	9051	148	3718	5589	4609	202	107	Ó	
Atlanta	11001	0100	0001	140	0110	0000		202	101	Ū	
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Total	348699	290315	101438	9093	173743	327759	279095	33657	24903	811	

## **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

In September 2000, the Georgia Department of Public Safety prepared a proposal for implementing a statewide 800 megahertz radio communications system for use by all public safety agencies across the state. At the time, no one imagined that twelve months later, the United States would be stunned by events so devastating that they would forever change the concept of public safety in our nation.

It is not only the threat of a terrorist attack that creates the need for a public safety communications system in our state. Many people may not be aware that the biggest peacetime emergency evacuation in the nation's history took place right here in the southeast September 9-14, 1999, and Georgia was at the hub of the action. The disaster? The threat of a catastrophic landfall by the Class III hurricane known as "Floyd," one of the largest storms to threaten a U.S. coastline ever recorded. Georgia's location on the Atlantic seaboard makes the threat of landfall by a major hurricane not only possible, but extremely likely.

The Georgia State Patrol and many other public safety agencies across the state, are currently utilizing a VHF radio system for the majority of their broadcast communications. The Georgia State Patrol's system was designed in the early 1960's utilizing technology perfected in the 1950's. The system replaced a single frequency system that had become overcrowded and inefficient. The present system, referred to as the "GSP High-band," designed around the use of two radio frequencies in the very high frequency (VHF) spectrum. The Department of Public Safety is the exclusive license holder for these frequencies in the state.

While the Georgia State Patrol has continued to use and purchase equipment to operate in this outdated system, many local agencies have moved forward with the implementation of their own 800 MHz radio systems. In fact, at least two local jurisdictions have implemented 800 MHz radio systems since the original proposal was presented in September 2000. This process has resulted in an inability of these agencies and the Georgia State Patrol to communicate when engaged in joint operations. This problem has been addressed recently by leasing radios from Southern Linc or other providers, but the time has come to develop a permanent solution.

Currently, there are approximately twenty-five(25) 800 MHz radio systems in operation in the following areas of the state: City of Atlanta, Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, City of Albany (Dougherty County), City of Athens (Clarke County), City of Augusta (Richmond County), Bibb County, Bulloch County, Cobb County, Columbus Consolidated Government, City of Covington, Crisp County, City of Dallas, DeKalb County, City of Douglasville, Fayette County, Fulton County, Gwinnett County, City of LaGrange, Lowndes County, City of Macon, Rockdale County, City of Savannah (Chatham County), City of Thomasville (Thomas County) and Walton County. Most of these systems were installed by local public safety agencies to provide the communications capabilities for their service area. Many of these systems have excess capacity and coverage which cannot currently be utilized by surrounding agencies. Within the concept of design for the statewide communications system, these existing systems and their excess capacity would be shared across the network and provide additional inter-departmental communications capabilities, both within the separate jurisdictions and across the state.

An integrated statewide public safety communications system offers all public safety personnel the ability to communicate without regard to geographical or jurisdictional boundaries, to coordinate operations in a multi-agency event, to maintain secure private communications when transmitting sensitive information, and have nearly instantaneous access to criminal justice databases. Each of these translates to a significant increase in the quality of service delivered to the citizens of Georgia.

## **GENERAL SERVICES SECTION**

### **INVENTORY CONTROL SECTION**

The Inventory Control Section consists of the Vehicle Management System (Fleet Anywhere) and the Department Insurance Coordinator.

The Vehicle Management System is an automated perpetual system that provides costs, utilization and management information on all vehicles owned by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, GPOSTC and Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The vehicle system processes all transactions that affect vehicle costs, usage, and descriptive information. It provides fleet management information by vehicle or location. At the end of fiscal year 2001, the Department had 1,279 vehicles on inventory, valued at \$22,805,191.91.

The Department Insurance Coordinator is notified of all vehicle accidents involving department owned vehicles. The Insurance Coordinator notifies the Departments insurance carrier and handles claims for repairs of vehicles. Information on all departmental vehicle accidents is maintained on a computer program, which is updated by the North and South Division Adjutant's offices and the Department Insurance Coordinator. During fiscal year 2001, 273 DPS vehicles were involved in accidents/incidents and \$73,561 was reimbursed to the Department through insurance claims.

Vehicle Fuel Credit Cards (Wright Express), and Departmental vehicle tags and titles are also handled through this unit.

### **RECORDS MANAGEMENT UNIT**

The Records Management Unit is responsible for maintaining the Records Management Program for the entire Department of Public Safety. The unit assists and advises all offices on which records must be retained, how long to retain records, and where the records should be maintained. The unit coordinates with the State Records Center on transmittal of records and proper destruction of records. A yearly inventory is maintained to make sure the Department meets requirements set forth in the retention schedules.

During fiscal year 2001, Records Management was responsible for processing 275 printing requests, reviewing printing when completed, and authorizing payment. Printing costs for the Department during fiscal year 2001 was approximately \$964,023. The Records Management Officer ensures that all printing is done fast and as economical as possible. The printing is done on state contract by Georgia Correctional Industries and small/minority vendors.

The Records Management Unit is responsible for all forms used by the Department and maintains a master file of all forms, initiating revisions when necessary.

This unit also assists in maintaining the Purchasing Card program for the Department. The Purchasing Card, consisting of over 100 cards, is a MasterCard used to receive merchandise faster, provide prompt payment to vendors, and alleviate the high cost of field purchase orders. Since beginning in 1999, this program has grown to a \$1.8 million a year program.

### **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

**The Property Management Unit** is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the Department of Public Safety, which includes GSP Headquarters, 48 Georgia State Patrol Posts, 75 Drivers License Facilities, as well as various administratively attached agencies.

With the exception of weapons and a few select items, only those with an acquisition cost of \$1,000.00 or more are recorded on the property system.

In an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory, this unit processed 2,362 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$4,055,775.56; 5,400 deletions valued at \$8,270,372.78; and 24,362 transfers during fiscal year 2001. These transactions are updated daily on the property system.

**The Supply Inventory System** is responsible for maintaining and updating an on-line inventory system of all items purchased, maintained, and issued by the Supply Section. This includes office supplies, medical supplies, janitorial supplies, clothing and accessories. At the end of fiscal year 2001, the supply inventory included approximately 71,403 items valued at \$1,807,323.96.

### **PURCHASING SECTION**

The Purchasing Section is responsible for coordinating and monitoring all purchasing activity, which includes purchasing office supplies, pursuit vehicles, aircraft, law enforcement items, and establishing specialized contracts. This office also prepares and distributes purchasing procedures and assists departmental personnel with these procedures to ensure that all purchases are within established rules and regulations.

During fiscal year 2000, the Purchasing Section utilized the new statewide Phoenix Program, PeopleSoft, to process 9,400 purchase orders and 13 state requisitions for a total of \$14,140.000.00.

### MAILROOM

The Mailroom processes all incoming and outgoing U.S. Mail and United Parcel Service packages and maintains a postage account for the Department. During fiscal year 2001, the postage for outgoing U.S. Mail totaled over \$895,924.80. The mailroom is responsible for daily pick up and delivery of lock box packages and courier runs to the Department of Revenue, State Records Center, Twin Towers, East Atlanta Post Office, etc., as needed.

# SCHEDULE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET

FUNDS AVAILABLE					VARIANCE - FAVORABLE		
REVENUES		BUDGET		<u>ACTUAL</u>		(UNFAVORABLE)	
State Appropriation Federal Revenues Other Revenues Retained	\$	14,767,504.00 7,911,069.00 <u>2,870,389.00</u>	\$	4,767,504.00 5,727,356.94 <u>2,685,248.33</u>	\$	0.00 -2,183,712.06 <u>-185,140.67</u>	
CARRY-OVER FROM PRIOR YEAR	<u>\$</u>	25,548,962.00	<u>\$</u>	23,296,020.13	<u>\$</u>	<u>-2,368,852.73</u>	
Transfer from Reserved Fund Balance							
		<u>0.00</u>		<u>115,910.86</u>		<u>115,910.86</u>	
	\$	25,548,962.00	\$	<u>23,296,020.13</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-2,252,941.87</u>	
EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services Regular Operating Expenses Travel Motor Vehicle Purchases Equipment Computer Charges Real Estate Rentals Telecommunications Per Diem, Fees and Contracts Capital Outlay Highway Safety Grants Peace Officers Training Grants Y2K Project	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 10,071,684.00\\ 4,425,040.00\\ 210,969.00\\ 100,241.00\\ 244,902.00\\ 304,122.00\\ 194,547.00\\ 360,148.00\\ 2,397,465.00\\ 300,000.00\\ 2,877,149.00\\ 4,054,643.00\\ 8,052.00 \end{array}$	\$	9,801,935.95 3,656,202.60 128,212.65 77,142.00 230,096.94 287,268.42 174,355.82 277,267.87 1,830,601.06 299,963.20 2,276,382.18 4,042,722.02 0.00	\$	269,748.05 768,837.40 82,756.35 23,099.00 14,805.26 16,853.58 20,191.18 82,880.13 566,863.94 366,863.94 36.80 600,766.82 11,920.98 8,052.00	
		\$	<u>\$</u>	23,082,150.51	<u>\$</u>	2,466,811.49	
Excess of Funds Available over Expenditures			<u>\$</u>	213,869.62	<u>\$</u>	213,869.62	

## **Faithful Service Award**

### **10 YEAR AWARDS**

Michael B. Adcock Scott Rogers Andrews Clinton T. Barden, Jr. Mark A. Bracewell Timothy Lynn Brock Leslie Keith Canup Henry Holmes Gilliard Harry Michael Gilmer Angela Marie Grier Mildred E. Hackworth Mark Anthony Hambert Tracy Lee Hathcock Thomas J. Jackson

James R. Allen Bonnie Jo Bargeron Janet J. Birdwell Rosa Roussaw Blount Mary Nell Brownlee Evelyn Johnson Bugg Felton Eugene Burke Robert William Bowman Jamey S. Brown Shirley A. Burnley Brian A. Cody Bert Collins, Jr. Judith Victoria Crawford Vernice B. Daniel William Thomas Dean Lisa Irene Dobson

Johnny Calvin Allen, Jr. Charlie F. Banks Jacob E. Burch Danny J. Chadwick Harold Eugene Cochran Albert D. Dickerson James Carter Johnson, III Clayton Robert Kicklighter William Leslie King Joann Lacey Jennifer Leigh Long Mavis Slaton Long Tony Edward Martin Joseph Ernest Massingill Stephen Christopher Mathis Gregory Allan Mercier James Eddie Miller Stanley Ambrose Powell Mitchell Erwin Ralston

### **15 YEAR AWARDS**

Michael J. Eden Edward Neal Etheredge Michael Reginald Fortson Brian Everett George Joshua Goode Ronald Edward Goodman Dana R. Ham Ricky L. Helton David Len Herndon Keith L. Howard Lajuan Ray Jackson Gary Harlie Langford **Diana Lynn Linder** Sara Darlene Lovd Janice W. Mann Janice M. McLeod

### **20 YEAR AWARDS**

Eddie Edwards James Franklin Farley Harry J. Futch Barbara A. Glass Rufus Grace, Jr. Elvis Joe Hamby John Eugene Roberts Sheree O. Roberts Brenda Louise Scarborough John Michael Snipe James Gary Sosebee Connie A. Thilges Harold Floyd Tisdale Rayford Stephen Tompkins Michael Bradley Torbett Joel Clayton Tucker Patricia Ann Willis Carolyn Marie Woolard Lewis Glenn Young

Roger Dean McLeod Willie Clarence O'Neal, Jr. Steven Craig Pittman Harold A. Rape Terry Freeman Rehberg Michael A. Rogers Roy Thomas Rucker John Lawrence Schnall Donna R. Singleton Alan Shawn Tucker Karenshawn H Urquhart Charles A. Washington Johnnie B. West Dean Daniel Whittaker

Warren Lee Timmy Eugene Lowe F. Keith Mack Patricia McLendon Nathaniel Murrah Cecil E. O'kelley

## **Faithful Service Award**

### **20 YEAR AWARDS**

Kenneth D. Reardon, Jr. Evelyn W. Remor William Ronald Rhodes Rossie C. J. Ross

Rose R. Anderson Robert William Beauchamp Kim Tillman Blue Thomas Eugene Brown Theodore Randolph Combs Bobby Glenn Daniels Richard Dale Edwards John K. Garner

> Andrew J. Bacon Mack O. Childs William M. Eubanks S. Bruce Giles Frederick N. Hailey Gary W. Hill

Charles David Saye Deborah J. Stanton Shirley D. Teems James Robert Twiggs

### 25 YEAR AWARDS

Jeffery C. Hinson Paul Michael Hood Frederick Carlton Horne Clifton Williams Jenkins Daniel Ashley V. Jewell Joseph Daniel Lafrance Hubert Steve Miller Michael George Miller

### **30 YEAR AWARDS**

Jimmy Holt Donald J. Keadle John M. Lamb Royce G. Minter Charles E. Parker John Raymond Parrish James M. Welch Robert K. Williams Steven T. Yancey William P. Young, Jr.

Steven B. Payne Lavon R. Prine Michael James Ralston Robert S. Sanderson Charlotte C. Smith Larry G. Smith Brenda K. Underwood Dennis R. Williamson

Andrew J. Pavliscsak Larry E. Scott Daniel T. Sikes Thomas E. Tomlinson Terry F. Weaver

## **2001 Retirees**

Annette W. Adams Vernon A. Anderson Donnie D. Bates Kim T. Blue Edward C. Brock Arletha Broner Ellis Sheila Broome James H. Cochran Theodore R. Combs Kathy J. Conner Timothy H. Cook Mary L. Craven Ralph Couch Donald J. Daniel (GPSTC) Nancy Davis Everett B. Dilliard William Eubanks **Reggie Faulk Christina Faulkner** Shelby Faulkner

Martha Gilland Lucia W. Gordy Neidermeier Hall Donald E. Halstead Scottv B. Hilliard Gregory L. Holbrook James Keith Horne Michael M. Isbell Johnny E. Kennedy **Ronnie Knott** John C. Lacienski Teresa D. Langford Aleria Leake William J. Lewallen Hubert Steve Miller Angelyn R. Montgomery David William Mooney Charles Nutt Troy H. Palmer Alvin D. Phillips

Frederick Ponder Johnnie C. Price Anthony E. Priest R. Christopher Prine Annette M. Rogers **Thelma Gail Sanders** J. Larry Simmons Martin L. Sisk. Jr. Daniel J. Smith Martin R. Smith Kerry C. Stephens James R. Stuart Carolyn F. Sweeney Deborah Terry Marilyn Sue Trice Ned E. West Dennis R. Williams Lena Wright Kenneth F. Youngblood